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Alterations and amendments in within Bye-Laws of Twillingate Lodge, No. 2364, are approved by the District Grand Master.

J. AUGUSTUS CLIFT, D.G.S.

St. John's, April 29th, 1899.

Subject to alterations in red ink, confirmed by the M. W. Grand Master.

E. LETCHWORTH, G.S.

11th May, 1899.

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For the guidance and regulation of a Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons, constituted under Charter from the Grand Lodge of England, dated May 1st, 1890, and called

THE TWILLINGATE LODGE, No. 2364,

held at the town of Twillingate, in the Northern district of the Island of Newfoundland, on the first Thursday in every month.

Whereas it is necessary for the better Government of this Lodge, that a code of Bye-laws shall be established for the regulations of its internal economy, and of other matters not determined by the general constitutions of the Masonic Society:

Be it therefore enacted by the members of Twillingate Lodge, by and with the approbation of the Right Worshipful the District Grand Master, that the following rules and regulations shall be observed and obeyed by every Brother who now is, or who shall hereafter become a Member of this Lodge.

CHAPTER I.

Relative to Meetings and the Admission of Members.

Sec. 1.—This Lodge shall be held at such place in Tw'gate as may from time to time be duly determined, being at present held in the Court House, and when removed from one place to another, such removal to be reported to the District Grand Master, and also to the Grand Secretary for the information of the Grand Lodge, on the first Thursday in

every month (which are the regular nights of meeting) and at such other times as may be found necessary, such occasional meetings to be deemed Emergencies ; and the Master, or in his absence, the Senior Warden, is hereby authorized and empowered to call the Lodge together when there may be occasion ; the cause of meeting to be specified in the summons for emergencies, and nothing else shall be transacted in the evening.

The hour of meeting shall be eight o'clock in the evening throughout the year ; and the Lodge shall be closed at, or before ten o'clock, unless business shall require it to be kept open a longer time, which time shall be at the discretion of the presiding officer for the time being, but on no pretence shall any new matter be commenced after eleven o'clock.

Sec. 2.—And whereas great inconvenience results from admitting members at a late hour, no Brother shall be allowed to enter the Lodge after it has been opened one hour, except by special consent of the principal officers ; and no Brother shall, on any pretence, be suffered to enter the Lodge while it is engaged with particular business.

Sec. 3.—Every person desirous of being initiated into the mysteries of Masonry, shall make application, in writing, agreeably to the annexed form, and be proposed on a regular Lodge night, by a member of the Lodge, and seconded by any other member of the Lodge. If the Lodge consent to receive the petition, it shall be referred to a Special Committee of three, whose duty it shall be to make a thorough investigation into the character, capacity, and circumstances of the Candidate, and make their report thereon at the next regular communication, unless further time be granted. On the report of the Committee, the Lodge shall proceed to ballot for the Candidate, and if one or two black balls appear, he shall be declared elected; should three or more black balls appear the Master may order a second ballot, provided it be done before any of the Brethren participating in first ballot have left the Lodge. Should three or more black balls appear on the second ballot the Candidate shall be declared rejected. This Lodge may not initiate any person without due enquiry, and being satisfied, in a Masonic manner, that he has not been rejected, or otherwise refused admission to

Masonry, and if upon enquiry it shall be so ascertained then not until six months after such rejection, or refusal. The Candidate must be a resident of the Colony twelve months before he can be initiated, except in the case of seafaring men.

(*a*) In cases of emergency, the following alteration as to the mode of proposing a Candidate is allowed :—Any two members of the Lodge may transmit in writing to the Master, the name, condition, occupation, or profession, age and abode of the Candidate whom they may wish to propose and the circumstances which may cause the emergency; and the Master, if the emergency be proper, shall direct the Sect'y to notify the said recommendation to every member of the Lodge, stating the name, age, condition, occupation or profession, and place of abode of the Candidate; and may at the same time, direct a Lodge to be summoned to meet at a period of not less than seven days from the issuing of the summons, for the purpose of balloting for the Candidate; and if the Candidate be then approved of, he may be initiated into the first Degree of Masonry. Previous to the ballot being taken the master shall cause the said proposition, and the emergency stated, to be recorded in the Minute Book of the Lodge, but the Candidate shall not receive another degree on the same day, nor at a less interval than one month except by Dispensation from the District Grand Master. The expenses of the Dispensation and Emergency, shall be defrayed by the party on whose account it shall be called.

FORM OF APPLICATION.

"To the Worshipful Master, Wardens, and Brethren of "Twillingate" Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons, on the Registry of the Grand Lodge of England.

The Petition of the Subscriber.—

Respectfully sheweth,—

That entertaining a favorable opinion of your Ancient Institution, he is desirous of being admitted a member thereof, if found worthy"

NAME.....

AGE.....

OCCUPATION.....

RESIDENCE.....

Sec. 4.—Every Brother who may desire to be admitted a member of this Lodge shall make application in writing, stating his name, occupation and place of abode, as well as the name and number of the Lodge of which he is, or was last a member, or in which he was initiated; he must then be proposed in open Lodge, on a regular night of meeting, (having previously visited the Lodge once at least) by a member, who shall at the same time pay a deposit of Four Dollars to the Secretary for the Lodge, and file with him the Grand Lodge Certificate of the applicant, as well as the certificate of his former Lodge; or if the applicant be not in possession of such documents, the proposer shall produce sufficient proof that the applicant has duly conformed to the Rules of the Lodge to which he last belonged. If the prosposal be seconded by another member, the Master shall proceed in all things as in the case of a Candidate for the mysteries; a ballot being also eventually necessary for his admission.

CHAPTER II.

Relative to Fees, Fines and other Pecuniary Affairs.

Sec. 1.—Every person who may be proposed as a Candidate for initiation in this Lodge, shall at the time of being proposed, deposit with the Secretary the sum of Four Dollars, currency, and if he be found worthy of admission, (agreeably to Chap. 1 Sec. 3,) it shall be considered as a part of what he is to pay into the fund. If he be rejected, it shall be returned to him; but if he decline or neglect to come forward, as hereinafter provided, it shall be forfeited to the Lodge.

Sec. 2.—Every Candidate who shall be initiated into the mysteries of Masonry in this Lodge, shall pay the sum of Twenty Dollars, currency, which sum shall entitle him to be advanced to the Degree of a Master Mason, to be registered in the books of the Grand Lodge and to receive a Grand Lodge certificate, and the same sum (including the four dollars previously deposited) shall be actully paid into the hands of the Secty., before the ceremony of initiation shall be commenced; and the Master shall on no pretence allow the provisions of this rule to be evaded.

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Sec. 3.—Every Brother who shall be admitted a member of this Lodge (agreeably to Chap. 1, Sec. 4.) shall pay into the hands of the Secretary at the time of his admission (including the Four Dollars previously deposited) if an Entered Apprentice the sum of Twelve dollars currency, for which he shall be advanced to the Degree of a Master Mason, and registered in the Books of the Grand Lodge. If a Fellow Craft the sum of Eight dollars, for which he shall also be advanced to the Degree of a Master Mason, and registered as aforesaid, and if a Master Mason, the sum of Four dollars, with the expense of registration (if any) upon the Books of the Grand Lodge; but the aforesaid sums shall not entitle the Brother to recieve a Grand Lodge Certificate. That if any Candidate for admission, or Brother who is a non-resident shall desire to take any of the degrees, he shall be entitled to receive the same at the following charges without being required to become a member of this Lodge, *viz*:—For the first degree, Six dollars; for the second degree, Eight dollars; for the third degree, Ten dollars.

Sec. 4.—If any Candidate for initiation, for advancement in Masonry, or for membership, who may be accepted as here in before provided, shall neglect to avail himself of such acceptance, for three months after the ballot is taken and announced to him, he shall be considered to have declined; the vote shall be rescinded, his deposit shall be forfeited, and he must thereafter apply for admission in the usual manner before he can be received, provided he shall not be unavoidably prevented.

Sec. 5.—Every member of this Lodge, except the Secretary, shall pay to the fund the sum of Thirty cents on every regular Lodge night, (unless exempted from such dues by special resolution of the Lodge) and no member shall on any account be permitted to ballot until the whole amount of his arrears (if any) be paid; and in order to avoid confusion and delay in the collection of dues, &c., it shall be the duty of the Master or presiding officer, on each regular night, immediately after the Minutes of proceedings at the former meeting are read and confirmed, to cause the Secretary to call on the members in the order of their entry upon the Minutes, so that they may pay their fees then due.

Sec. 6.—Every visiting Brother must be introduced by a member of the Lodge who is himself a Master Mason, the said introducer to become responsible for the good conduct (See Chap. 3, Sec. 2) of such visitor while in Lodge.

Sec. 7.—Any member of this Lodge, whose business obliges him to leave the Colony, may on his return resume his membership by paying the monthly dues since his departure; and if he has been absent one year or upwards, the sum of Three Dollars and Sixty Cents shall be deemed sufficient therefor. That every Brother residing within the Colony whose subscription is six months in arrear, shall be written to by the Secretary for the same; and if after such application, his arrears be not paid within the following three months, such Brother shall be reported to the Lodge by the Secretary, and be no longer entitled to vote, or hold office in the Lodge. He shall then be written to again by the Secretary for his arrears, in the name of the Lodge, his attention being drawn particularly to this Bye-Law, and if after this application, his arrears be not paid within the following three months, he shall be liable to be excluded from the Lodge under Rule 210, Book of Constitution, and his name be returned to Grand Lodge as a defaulter.

NOTE.—Non-attendance at meetings of Lodge does not constitute a Masonic offence which would justify exclusion. So long as a Brother is a member of the Lodge he must pay the dues provided by the Bye-laws or be returned as in arrear. It is not legal for the Lodge to pay a member's dues out of its funds.—G. S.

Sec. 8.—A Lodge Certificate, signed by the Master, Wardens and Secretary, shall be granted on application, and free of expense, to any member of this Lodge, when he shall have resigned, or been excluded, for non-conformity to the Bye-Laws; such Certificate to state the circumstances under which he withdrew or was excluded. And if any Brother who shall have been initiated, or advanced to the higher Degrees in this Lodge, be desirous of having a Certificate of his admission, &c., before the receipt of his Grand Lodge Certificate, he may receive such Certificate,

free of expense, which shall contain the dates of initiation, passing and raising, and be signed by the Master, Wardens and Secretary; but such Certificate must be delivered up as soon as the Grand Lodge Certificate shall be received.

Sec. 9.—All dues, &c., shall be collected by the Secretary, who with the Treasurer, shall balance the books of the Lodge on the regular Lodge night preceding the Anniversary which is to be held on St. John's Day (24th June) in each year, and at any other time when a member of the Lodge shall require it, such member first giving one months' notice in open Lodge to that effect. The sum of Thirty cents shall be paid to the Tyler of the Lodge for his attendance each night of meeting, and Fifty cents for the initiation of each candidate. All monies collected by the Secretary, shall, within two days after receipt of same, be handed over to the Treasurer, who if required, shall deposit the same in the Bank of Montreal, to account of Twillingate Lodge, No. 2364, to be disposed of agreeably to the decision of a majority of the members present at any meeting of the Lodge. Every cheque for such monies to be signed by the Master and Treasurer.

Sec. 10.—Any member of this Lodge who may be desirous of resigning his Membership, shall give notice of such intention. Such notice to be given either by letter or in person on a night of meeting, and the Brother so resigning shall pay up his dues and fines to the day of his resignation inclusive.

Sec. 11.—The Worshipful Master and Wardens shall be a Committe of Charity, and have power at any time to draw on the Treasurer, through the Master, for any sum not exceeding Four dollars currency, to bestow on a distressed worthy Master Mason, his wife, widow, or orphan child.

CHAPTER III.

Relative to Election of Officers, and other Internal Regulations of the Lodge.

Sec. 1.—The election of the Worshipful Master and Treasurer of this Lodge shall take place on the regular night next preceding the Anniversary in each year; and the officers so elected shall be installed into their offices on the said day, after the minutes of Election shall be confirmed, and the Master shall then appoint and invest the Wardens and other Officers.

Sec 2.—If any Brother shall presume to enter this Lodge in a state of inebriety, or shall curse, swear, or use any profane or immoral language therein, or shall behave with disrespect to the Master, Warden, or Brethren of the Lodge, so as to disturb the peace and harmony of the same, he shall for any such offence against the regulations and the spirit of Masonry be excluded from the Lodge, unless due reparation be made, and a Report made to the District Grand Secretary, for the District Grand Master's information.

Sec. 3.—In all debates concerning the affairs of this Lodge, complaints made, or questions that may arise, every brother shall stand up while he speaks, and address himself to the chair; and if more than one shall speak at a time, the Master shall direct the first who stood up to proceed, and the rest shall sit down, and be silent until such brother be done speaking. At all times when the Master shall strike to order with his Gavel, strict silence shall be observed; and no private discussions shall be suffered during Lodge hours, nor is any member to leave the Lodge room without permission from the Chair; and whenever it shall be deemed necessary to appoint Committees to transact any business relating to this Lodge, the power of nominating the Brethren for such Committee shall be vested in the Master, subject to the approval of a majority of the members present.

Sec. 4.—The Cash or Fund, as well as the Jewels, and all

other things belonging to this Lodge, shall be, and they are hereby vested in, and made and deemed the property of the Master and Wardens, for the time being; so that any actions or suits that may happen to be necessary for the preservation or recovery of the same or any part thereof, may and shall be brought or commenced in their names, in trust, for the use and benefit of the Lodge, and to be paid, applied, and disposed of, as a majority of the members shall, in due form, think proper to direct.

Sec. 5.—Every member of this Lodge, on the day of his admission as a Master Mason shall be directed by the Master to sign these Bye-Laws in the Lodge Book kept for that purpose; and the Master shall cause a copy of them to be given to each member on his signature being attached thereto, that every Brother may know and inform himself of his Masonic duties.

Extracts from Bye-Laws of District Grand Lodge of Newfoundland.

"No. 6—The following payments shall be made by the Lodges in the District of Newfoundland to the District Grand Lodge, viz.:

"(1) For every contributing member.....	$ 25
"(2) For every person initiated or for a Brother joining from a Lodge not under the Jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of England.....	50
"(3) For every other member who has joined any Lodge since last payment.....	25
"(4) For registering a new Lodge.....	10.00
"(5) For registering Bye-Laws	1.20
"(6) For registering amendment to Bye-Laws...	1.20
"(7) For Dispensation.....	1.20

"(8) The members of the Grand Lodge shall pay into its funds $2.00 per annum, payable at annual meeting in January.

Abstracts from Constitution.

Every Brother regularly elected and installed as Master of a Lodge, and serving as such for one year, shall rank as Past Master, so long as he continues a member of any Lodge; but ceasing for twelve months to subscribe to any Lodge, he forfeits his rank and privileges.

No Brother can be elected Master of a Lodge, unless he has previously been regularly appointed Warden of a Warranted Lodge, and served as such for one year.

No Master shall assume the Chair, until he has been regularly installed, but he may in the interim rule the Lodge.

No brother shall continue in office of Master, longer than two years in succession, without a dispensation, but he may be again elected after he has been one year out of office.

No Lodge shall make a Mason for less than Three Guineas (£3. 15. 8.) besides the registering fee (10s.) nor on any pretence remit or defer the payment of any part of this sum.

No person can be made a Mason under the age of twenty-one years, except by dispensation; nor without being regularly proposed at one Lodge, and balloted at the next regular stated Lodge meeting, his name, profession and residence being in the mean time sent to all the Members.

No Lodge shall make more than five new Brothers in one day, without a dispensation.

No more than one Degree can be conferred upon a Brother on the same day, nor a higher Degree in less than four weeks from the time of conferring the previous Degree (nor until the Candidate has been examined in open Lodge upon such previous Degree) except by dispensation from the Provincial Grand Master, who is authorized to shorten the period from four weeks to one week in special cases.

No Brother can be admitted a member of a Lodge without being proposed in open Lodge, and every member made acquainted with his name, occupation and residence, as well as the name and number of the Lodge to which he last belonged, and a ballot taken at the next stated Lodge Meeting.

Any Member of the Lodge excluded or resigning, cannot be admitted a member of any other Lodge, until such Lodge be informed of the reason why he resigned, or was excluded from his former Lodge; and any Brother so excluded or resigning, shall be entitled to receive from the Lodge a Certificate of the cause of such resignation or exclusion.

No Brother who is not a subscribing member to some Lodge, can visit a Lodge, in the place of his residence more than once during his secession from the Craft.

No Brother can get a Grand Lodge Certificate if he has received more than one Degree in the same day, or a higher Degree in less than four weeks from the time of receiving a previous Degree.

Every Brother must sign his name in the margin of his Grand Lodge Certificate, or it will not be valid.

No Lodge or Officer, or member of a Lodge, shall under any circumstances give a Certificate or recommendation to enable a Mason to go from Lodge to Lodge as a pauper, or to travel about for relief from Lodges.

No public Masonic procession or Masonic Funeral can take place without license from the Grand Master, or Provincial Grand Master; and any officer or member offending in this respect shall be ever after incapable of serving as an officer in any Lodge.

No Master of a house at which the Lodge meets, shall hold an office in the Lodge without dispensation.

No Bye-Law or material alteration of a Bye-Law, shall be valid, until approved by the Grand Master or Provincial Grand Master.

Any Lodge or Brother may appeal to the Grand Lodge against the decision of any other Masonic authority or jurisdiction, such appeal to be in writing, specifying the particular grievance complained of, and be transmitted to the Grand Secretary ; a notice and copy of the appeal to be also sent to the party against whose decision the appeal is made.

No Jewel shall be worn in a Lodge except those prescribed for the officers, and such honorary or other jewels as are consistent with the Degree recognized by and under the control of the Grand Lodge.

No Brother shall be admitted into a Lodge without his proper clothing.

The following are the Insignia and Clothing to be worn by the Craft :—

JEWELS.

Master of Lodges, The Square.
Past Masters, The Square and the Diagram of the 47th proposition, 1st Book Euclid, engraved on a silver plate, pendant within it.
Senior Wardens, The Level.
Junior Wardens, The Plumb.
Treasurer, The Key.
Secretary, The Cross Pens.
Deacons, The Dove.
Inner Guard, Cross Swords.
Tyler, The Sword.

All to be of silver ; and the Collars of light blue ribbon four inches broad.

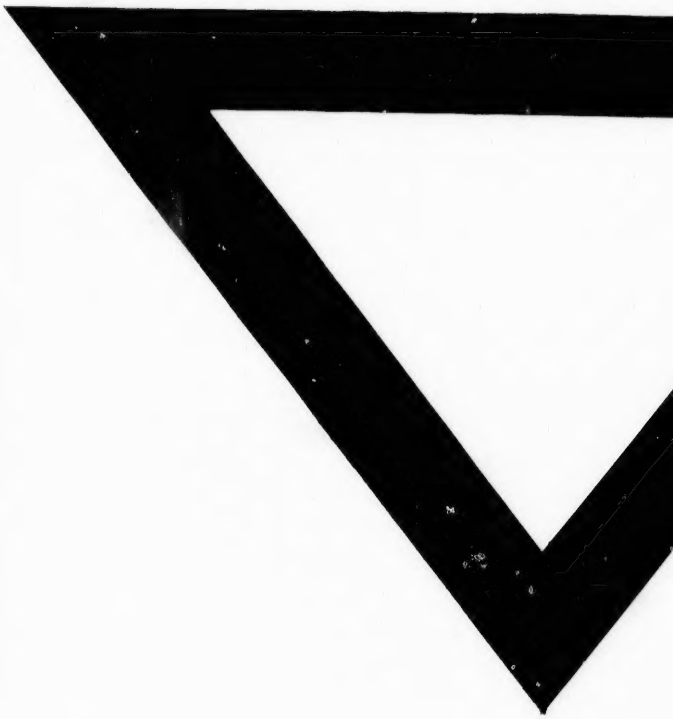
APRONS.

Entered Apprentice, A plain white Lamb skin, from 14 to 16 inches wide, 12 to 15 inches deep, square at bottom, and without ornament, white strings.

Fellow Craft, A plain white Lamb skin, similar to that of the Entered Apprentice, with the addition only of two sky blue rosettes at the bottom.

Master Mason, The same with sky blue lining and edging one and a half inch deep, and an additional rosette in the fall or flap, and silver tassels. No other color or ornament shall be allowed, except to Officers and Past Officers of Lodges, who may have the emblems of their offices in silver, or white in the centre of the Apron.

Masters and Past Masters of Lodges to wear in lieu and in the places of the three rosettes on the Master Mason's apron, perpendicular lines upon horizontal lines, thereby forming three several sets of two right angles; the length of the horizontal lines to be two inches and half each, and of the perpendicular lines one inch: these Emblems to be of ribbon half an inch broad, and of the same color as the lining and edging of the Apron.

The Master is responsible for the due observance of the Laws relating to private Lodges, and must produce all books, minutes, and accounts, when required by any lawful authority.

The Wardens or officers of a Lodge cannot be removed by the Master, except by consent of the Lodge after investigation of the cause of complaint against their.